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1. G.S. Selwyn, "Plasma Particulate Contamination Control I. Transport and Process Effects", J. Vac. Sci. Technol. B 9 (6), November/December 1991, pp. 3487-3492.

One copy of the listed document is submitted herewith.

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